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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SCHEDULE FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT

SUMMARY: THE PRIME MINISTER HAS PROPOSED A SECOND CALL ON HER, AND GOI HAS ADDED A MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE TO THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. BECAUSE OF INDIAN HOLIDAYS OCTOBER 24 AND 25, THE GOI FEELS IT MUST GIVE THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE TO THE PRINTERS THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 23. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS ON THE REVISED SCHEDULE BY THE OPENING OF BUSINESS OCTOBER 23, IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO GET THEM BY THEN. END SUMMARY.

1. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL PROPOSED TWO ADDITIONS TO THE SCHEDULE OCTOBER 21. FIRST, THE PRIME MINISTER HAS REQUESTED A SECOND MEETING WITH DR. KISSINGER. THIS HAS BEEN WORKED IN BY CONFINING THE TALKS AND SIGNINT CEREMONY ON THE AFTERNOON OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, TO 1600 TO 1645, AND INSERTING A CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER FROM 1645 TO 1725. (WE WERE TOLD SEPARATELY BY TEJA, HEAD OF THE AMERICAN DIVISION, THAT THE DISCUSSIONS THAT AFTERNOON WOULD BE ON ECONOMIC SUBJECT: FOOD, FERTILIZEER, THE ENERGY CRISIS, AND THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION AND WOULD BE ATTENDED BY THE SPECIALIZED SECRETARIES OF APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES. THERE WILL BE LITTLE TIME FOR ALL OF THAT.) SECOND, THE GOI PROPOSES THAT MINISTER OF COMMERCE, D.P. CHATTOPADHYAYA, CALL ON THE SECRETARY IN HIS SUITE AT RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN AT 1700 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, WITH THE FINAL ROUND OF TALKS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER (IF REQUIRED) FOLLOWING AT 1730.

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2. WHILE THE TRIP TO PANTNAGAR IS STILL ON THE SCHEDULE, IT BECAME APPARENT IN THE TALK WITH THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL THAT THE NATURE OF THE VISIT HAS CHANGED SOMEWHAT, ALTHOUGH THE OBJECTIVE OF SHOWING THE SECRETARY SOMETHING OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL INDIA IS STILL THE SAME. THE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY IS STILL ON STRIKE, AND THERE WILL BE NO TOUR OF IT. THE GOI PROPOSES TO TAKE THE SECRETARY TO A BLOCK DEVELOPMENT AREA (AN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT) IN THE RICH AND COMPARATIVELY PROGRESSIVE FARMING AREA AROUND PANTNAGAR. HE WOULD THEN HAVE LUNCH, POSSIBLY AT THE HOME OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY, AND RETURN TO DELHI.

3. BECAUSE OF THE INDIAN HOLIDAYS OCTOBER 24 AND 25 (TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS AND FESTIVE HOLIDAYS IN THE YEAR), THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONSIDERS IT SHOULD GIVE THE SCHEDULE TO THE PRINTERS BY THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 23 IF IT IS TO HAVE IT PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED IN TIME. IT THEREFORE URGENTLY REQUESTS COMMENTS ON THE REVISED SCHEDULE. WE HOPE WE MAY HAVE THESE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS OCTOBER 23 SO THAT WE MAY MEET THE GOI REQUEST.
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